



Presidents' Day

According to the federal government, the holiday observed on the third Monday in February is officially Washington's Birthday. But many Americans believe that this holiday is now called "Presidents' Day," in honor of both Presidents Washington and Lincoln, whose birthdays are Feb. 22 and Feb. 12, respectively. It turns out that whether you honor one or the other or both of these presidents may depend on where you live.

The states are not obliged to adopt federal holidays, which only affect federal offices and agencies. While most states have adopted Washington's Birthday, a dozen of them officially celebrate Presidents' Day. A number of the states that celebrate Washington's Birthday also recognize Lincoln's Birthday as a separate legal holiday.

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<http://www.infoplease.com/spot/washington1.html>

Websites You May Want to Visit

Presidents' Day or Washington's Birthday?

<http://www.infoplease.com/spot/washington1.html>

World Almanac for Kids - Presidents of the United States

<http://www.worldalmanacforkids.com/explore/presidents.html>

Books You May Want to Read (Hint: go to the TEL Database, **What Do I Read Next** and choose to do a Who? What? Where? When? search. Under What, choose Presidents. Uncheck Adult and Young Adult at the top of the screen and then hit Search.)

Presidents' Day : honoring the birthdays of Washington and Lincoln by Mary Dodson Wade

Describes the history of the observation of Presidents' Day and provides information on the two presidents who are honored on this holiday.

Presidents' Day by David F. Marx

Discusses the holiday known as Presidents' Day and the significant achievements of those presidents whom it honors, George Washington and Abraham Lincoln.

George Washington by Jeremy Roberts

Chronicles the life of George Washington, from his youth in Virginia, through his leadership in the Continental Army, to his years as the first president of the United States.

Abraham Lincoln by Jeremy Roberts

Profiles the self-educated man who arose from poverty to become the sixteenth president of the United States, focusing on how his virtues enabled him to overcome many personal and political difficulties.

New Big Book of U.S. Presidents - A Young Reader's Guide to the Presidency

by Todd Davis, Marc Frey

Discover the presidents who have shaped American history, from the Founding Fathers to today's leaders.

To Find More President's Day Information

In TEL, go to **Kids InfoBits** and choose People and then US Presidents. Also try these search terms in Student or Junior Edition:

Presidents United States
Washington, George

Elections United States
Lincoln, Abraham

Presidential Quiz

To find out just how much you know about our first President, take this quiz. Answers may be found at <http://www.osv.org/gw/wquiz2.htm#>.

1. George Washington wore a white wig -- to hide his receding hairline.
☐ True ☐ False
2. The story about young George, the hatchet, and the cherry tree is pure fiction.
☐ True ☐ False
3. Very little is known about his childhood--which is the way he wanted it.
☐ True ☐ False
4. He was only a fair military tactician and a terrible speller.
☐ True ☐ False
5. He wanted to abolish lotteries, card games, and horse races.
☐ True ☐ False
6. He had a terrible temper.
☐ True ☐ False
7. He lived frugally.
☐ True ☐ False
8. He became surveyor of Culpeper County at the age of 23.
☐ True ☐ False
9. He and Martha had 12 children.
☐ True ☐ False
10. He was 6 feet 3 and weighed more than 200 pounds.
☐ True ☐ False
11. He was born to great wealth.
☐ True ☐ False
12. His name is given to the nation's capital, one state, 33 counties, seven mountains, nine colleges, and 121 post offices.
☐ True ☐ False